

## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## SEWAGE SPILL AT MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON SIGNS POSTED AT LAKE O'NEILL CAMPGROUND

An estimated 300-gallon sewage spill occurred on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> on Vandegrift Boulevard near DeLuz Road in Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. The spill, which was caused by pump station failure, ended at 3:10 AM on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The start time of the spill is unknown. A subsequent investigation MCB Camp Pendleton Environmental Security staff determined the spill impacted a tributary to Lake O'Neill. Swimming is prohibited in Lake O'Neill, however, signs warning of sewage-contaminated water are being posted today at the Lake O'Neill campground and fishing areas. Signs will remain posted until Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, call USMC Camp Pendleton Environmental Security at 760-725-9762.

For updates call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073. OR <u>www.california.earth911.org</u> enter your zip code and select Beach Water Quality

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